



Reward offered to honest citizen who returned lost money

A local woman found \$150 cash and a small check while shopping at Eckerd Drug Store last week. She could have pocketed the cash and thrown away the check, but she didn't. Stacy Williams of Belle Glade turned the money in to the store manager at Eckerd's and now, the grateful owner wants to reward her honesty.

Bobbi Mathis says she has been unable to reach Stacy since the incident, but she would like Stacy to call her at 996-0100. "Not everyone would have done what she did and we want to give her a small reward for her honesty and caring," said Mrs. Mathis.

Women's issues to be discussed

Women in the Glades are invited to participate in "Women's Menu," a discussion group for women interested in women's issues. The meetings are held the first and third Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Magdalene Carney Bahá' Institute, 130 Southeast Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Belle Glade. On Saturday, Aug. 2, the topic of the meeting will be Family and Career: How do women develop a balanced life when juggling family and career?

Refreshments will be served and no fee is involved. The facilitator is June Robinson, R.N., and educator at Indian River Community College.

Call 996-1959 for additional information.

Belle Glade Civitans still alive and well in Belle Glade

It was pointed out to us at The Sun recently that the Belle Glade Civitan Club is alive and well. Civitan member Joe Clayton says a 1971 photograph on the opinion page last week was "great" but the cutline which said the Civitans were no longer active is incorrect. The local club has remained active since 1954!

The Civitans still meet monthly and continue their good works, including donations to the local Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement and projects to benefit retarded children, which the Civitans are well-known for doing. They also participate, and win trophies, in local parades and three of the members, Joe Clayton, Myrtle Clayton (President), and Dick Murray are attending the Civitan convention in Key Largo this week. On the national level, the Civitans donate about \$4 million a year to the University of Alabama in Birmingham to help fund research on the genetic causes of mental retardation. The Civitans meet on Thursday evenings at the Drawbridge Cafe.

Class of 1978 needs to find 63 class members

Sixty-three members of the Pahokee High School graduating Class of 1978 have still not been located, according to Diane Freeman, one of the reunion organizers.

Anyone with information on former classmates can call Diane Freeman at 924-2867 or Terese Bynes at 924-2006.

Gospel Workshop

The Men's Department of the Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ will be hosting their second annual Gospel Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Vacation Bible School

Good Shepherd Church of God is hosting Vacation Bible School beginning Aug. 4 through Aug. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Ages kindergarten through junior high are invited to attend and transportation will be provided. The church is planning a "Sunrise Balloon Adventure" for participants. To register, call 924-7284. The church is located at 1800 Bacon Point Road, Pahokee.

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Two incumbents, one newcomer file for open city commission seats

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Belle Glade's current mayor, Steve Weeks and City Commissioner Rodney "Clay" Connell have filed to retain their seats on the city commission. Newcomer D. Bill Mathis has filed for the seat currently held by Crate "Happy" Tucker.

Qualifying for the three seats opened Friday, July 25. Weeks is bidding for his fifth term on the commission. He has been elected mayor by his fellow commissioners for the past four years.

Weeks, 54, of 1908 S.E. Ave-K Place, Belle Glade is a lifelong resident and President of Seminole Supply. He says he's excited about some of the projects the city is working on and wants to be a part of seeing them to completion. "There are things we've worked hard on which are coming to fruition," he said. "We're working on alternative types of businesses for the city, marina improvements, the Belle Glade Business Park and water and sewer improvements which are going to save the citizens money."

Weeks was chosen the 1996 Citizen of the Year and serves on numerous boards including the Glades Youth Baseball, Rotary Club, Association for Retarded Citizens and Glades Day School's board. He is a past president of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, serves on the Black Gold Jubilee Committee and the West County Mental Health Clinic Board, and on Leadership Glades Advisory Board.

D. Bill Mathis, 63, of 800 N.E. 3rd Street, Belle Glade

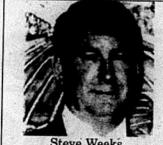
has lived here since he was in the fifth grade. He was the city's police chief from 1977 to 1986 when he retired. He was the city manager from 1987 to 1990 when he again retired. He ran for city commission in 1990 and lost to incumbent Dan Bythwood, who still holds a seat on the



Clay Connell



D. Bill Mathis



Steve Weeks

commission.

After his wife, Louise died in 1999, Mathis moved to North Carolina and worked in the real estate business. He returned to Florida in 1993 and took the job as town manager for the city of Ocean Ridge for three years.

He remarried two years ago and he and his wife, Bobbi Mathis care for his mother, Arvie Mathis Weeks, 87.

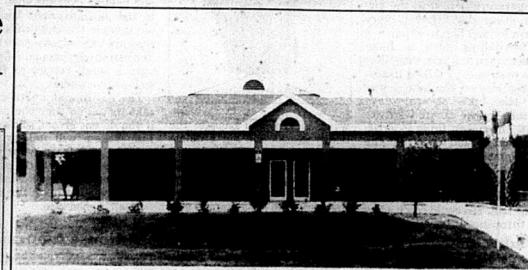
"I've been in government almost 40 years. Belle Glade is my home. I feel the specific knowledge I have with municipal government, especially in planning and setting goals and objectives, that I could be productive in giving something back to the community."

Clay Connell, who is bidding for his third, two year term, manages Badcock's Furniture Store in Belle Glade. He could not be reached for comment before press time.

The deadline to qualify is Aug. 8. The election will be held Sept. 9.



LOOK MOM, I CAN SWIM!...These youngsters just graduated from Level I, Water Exploration at the Lake Shore Pool. Head Lifeguard Robert Drake said 95 percent of them were afraid of the water when they started the program, but now they will receive a certificate for being able to swim. Shown front row, left to right are Warren Addery, Gregory Stewart, Veniese Woods, Brittny Wilkerson, and Kickeysha Godfrey. Second row, from left are Dysaris Pettigrew, Hernish Bens, Markevious Donaldson, Ciera Butts, Markavious Williams, Marcellus Pierce, Rashad Pettigrew, Jatarick Brooks. Back row, from left are Lifeguard Kim Seager, Willie Brooks, Ronnsha Hanna, Charles Moore, and Head Instructor Robert Drake.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS...Canal Point's new Post Office opened on Monday, July 21 to rave reviews. The Post Office had been housed in its previous building since 1981. The new structure is sleek and clean, with many more P.O. Boxes available for local residents. Postmaster Sandra Peaden says they have been very busy since opening day and patrons are delighted with the new building. Ms. Peaden is planning an open house sometime in the near future. The new Canal Point Post Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Hours on Wednesdays are 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

City waives fee for event to benefit quadriplegic

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Organizers for an event planned for this weekend pleaded with Belle Glade City Commissioners Monday night asking a \$3,500 event fee be waived.

Mattie Ray told commissioners the event is in a fundraising effort for Demale Stanley, a local athlete who suffered an accident while attending the University of Pittsburgh. The accident left Stanley with severe neck and back injuries and numerous medical bills which the group hopes to help pay.

Mayor Weeks expressed concern about setting a precedence by waiving the fee, even though organizers said they had workers willing to do the clean up each day. The majority of the fees cover police presence at the event for the July 29-31

event. The commission agreed to pay for the police officers time if the committee would handle the clean up.

The event will be held at the Landing ramp area in Belle Glade which is the block between S.W. 5th and 6th Street, S.W. Ave. C Place and S.W. Ave. D.

Events begin Friday morning at 10 a.m. with booth set up. Any citizen who would like to purchase a booth space should call Lisa Brown at 992-2361 or 992-8744 or Mattie Ray at 996-2154. Other events throughout the weekend include 3-on-3 basketball, a talent and fashion show, a presentation by the city's K-9 team and a car and truck show, plus many other events.

Other contact people include Ronald Cook at 689-9528, Mary Kendall at 996-5476 or Larry Dennard at 996-1799.

Suspect charged in robbery of local convenience store

A West Palm Beach man is in jail and three others are in jail with the July 27 robbery of a Town Star Convenience Store on N.W. Avenue L.

Belle Glade Police responded to the report of an armed robbery in progress at the store about 10:30 p.m.

The clerk said a man wearing a ski mask entered the business and produced a chrome plated handgun and

demanded the store's money. He fled on foot and when police arrived they found Louis Edward Bradley, 19, sitting a wooden area directly behind the business. Det. Jeffers Walker took Bradley, who goes by the name "Squeely" back into the store where the clerk positively identified him as the robber.

Police searched the area where Bradley was stopped without bond in the Palm Beach County Jail.

U.S. Sugar joins United Sugars Corporation for marketing alliance

United Sugars Corporation, the marketing arm of the upper-Midwest's best sugar

producers, announced Tuesday that Florida-based U.S. Sugar Corporation is to become a member of the grower-owned cooperative for the sale and distribution

of all its refined cane sugar products.

The expanded grower-owned cooperative will extend its markets from coast to coast and will make United Sugars the first truly nationwide producer and distributor of refined sugars. Based in Bloomington, Minn., United Sugars is already one of the nation's leading marketers of sugars to industrial and consumer markets. The cooperative currently

See Sugar Alliance, Page 5

Convicted sexual predator released and living in Pahokee

Convicted sexual offender G.E. "Bill" Williams was released from the South Bay Correctional Institution on June 13 and is back living at his home at 989 East Main Street, Pahokee.

Pahokee Police Chief Skeets Salvatore said the Florida Department of Law Enforcement requires law enforcement agencies to notify residents when a sexual predator moves into an area.

Williams was convicted in 1986 of lewd assault after sexual criminal activities while he was a church leader in a sect called "The Holy Way" in Pahokee. While on probation in 1992, he was again arrested for sexual abuse after a girl in his

church told authorities Williams coerced her to have sex with him in God's name.

Williams was sentenced to 10 1/2 years in prison. Williams is a 74-year-old white male with grey hair and blue eyes. He is 5'10" tall and weighs 200 pounds.

FISHING WITH WALT REYNOLDS

I read an article the other day that said the scientists believe that Antarctica is melting. I think they have a breeze blowing there from south Florida. If that wouldn't melt it, nothing would. Our lake temperature is now in the low 90's every day. That is very warm for any fish to enjoy.

The fishing here on Lake Okeechobee has been very slow this past week. I talked to several guides on the lake, I was on the lake several days myself, and we can all testify to that. The closest thing to a catch that I found was to fish the Kissimmee grass around the West Wall and Ritta Island. There were some areas above Uncle Joe's Cut that also held some fish. You could catch a few by throwing a June Bug color

Glades students may benefit from Durango Steak House fundraiser

In an effort to help provide much needed school supplies to students who cannot afford them, Durango Steak House is funding a school drive from August 4 through August 18. Durango challenges children and their families to bring in brand new, unopened school supplies, such as pencils, paper tablets, crayons, magic markers, glue sticks, pens, scissors and other items, to any of their Palm Beach County locations.

Durango will give a special award coupon redeemable at



Walt Reynolds

worm or crawdad back in the heavy grass. The big problem was trying to get them out when you did get a bite. We did catch a few smaller bass on topwater very early in the morning using Pop R's along the outside edges of the grass and

around the pepper grass clumps in open water.

For those of you who like to fish for shellcracker, there are a few nice sized fish along the west side of Ritta Island. They are in about three feet of water and holding over the shell beds in the shrimp grass. You can see them in the clear water but they are very spooky so go slow. You can catch them on a rod with a small popper or fly as well as live worms.

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At the end of the drive,

any Durango Steak House restaurant equal to double the value of the supplies donated as per the sales receipt presented. "We feel it is a good deal for our customers to donate \$2.50 worth of paper and receive a \$5 award toward their meal at Durango," said Mitch Walker, President of Durango, USA.

Moreover, Durango is proud to support education in Palm Beach County for each and every child."

From western Canada to southern Texas, research teams, state and local agencies, utilities and insurance companies are paying big bucks to change the weather. In most cases, they are trying to make it rain so that crops will grow and a drought is averted. Humans have long dreamed of controlling the weather, but it has only been in the last 50 years that the dream became possible. In 1946, researcher

Fooling with Mother Nature

By Mike Lyons

Mark Twain complained over a century ago that everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it. Back during Twain's time, no one could do anything about the weather. Just understanding the environment is difficult enough.

Today, however, our knowledge of the atmosphere is much more sophisticated. We pretty much understand how the weather works. Forecasters still make mistakes, but the accuracy of their predictions has risen dramatically.

Still, that is not good enough for some people. There are currently more than 40 public and private weather modification groups attempting to manage the atmosphere. These people are not just talking about the weather, they are really trying to do something about it.

In northern Mexico this summer, researchers from the National Center for Atmospheric Research have joined with several Mexican universities to make it rain using pyrotechnic flares mounted on the wings of airplanes.

The planes fly along the base of the cloud so that moisture retaining particles produced by the burning flares rise into the clouds. As the cloud's water vapor is attracted to the particles, water droplets are formed, which fall through the cloud as rain.



Mike Lyons

Vincent Schaefer discovered that dry ice or silver iodide dropped into a cloud would produce precipitation.

Today, the basic concept of seeding clouds remains the same. However, some new ideas are currently being tested.

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At least that is the theory.

This method of cloud seeding was first tried in South Africa more than seven years ago with promising results.

In North Dakota, weather modification project pilots use a Piper Twin Comanche to fly into the path of developing thunderstorms.

Each wing tip of the plane features a special generator that burns then sprays silver iodide into the evolving storm. The goal is not to create rain, but to reduce the formation of damaging hail.

Efforts to make it rain are also underway in Arizona, Texas and Colorado. In Alberta, Canada, the Alberta Hail Suppression Project is celebrating its 40th anniversary. There are even weather modification projects underway in Europe and the Middle East.

While these efforts have had some success, scientists admit that we are a long way from ever controlling the weather. After all, to seed clouds to produce rain, there must first be clouds. And, not all clouds will create precipitation.

Still, experts predict that weather modification may help to reduce the impact of severe weather. That means eventually we will be able to do more than just talk about the weather.

Final reminder on immunization

Florida Education Commissioner Frank T. Brogan issued a memorandum to district school superintendents and principals of Florida middle and junior high schools urging them to work diligently the next few weeks to identify, inform and confirm compliance of the "thousands" of incoming seventh graders who must have proof of a new series of immunizations before they will be admitted to school on the first day of Fall classes.

An estimated 180,000 students who will enter seventh grade in the Fall of the 1997-98 school year are the first class of middle schoolers to be affected by the new immunization standard. It requires all incoming seventh graders to receive a second dose of measles vaccine, a hepatitis B vaccine series (three doses over a six month period) and a tetanus-diphtheria vaccine before they can enter classes.

"I am pleased that ongoing public awareness and immunization efforts have been a partnership between the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Department of Health on the state level, and local schools and school districts working in partnership with county public health departments on the local level," Commissioner Brogan said. "We have all spent the past 18 months working to identify students, notify parents and provide information on the availability of immunization services. With less than three weeks left before schools open in most districts, and realizing that some schools may open sooner while others opened this month, it is imperative that we give this requirement our full attention. I urge you to continue efforts to identify, notify and confirm those students who must comply with the requirement."

The new requirement is intended to fully immunize children in all grades by 2004 or 2005. Parents are urged to contact their private physician to schedule an appointment or their children affected by the new requirement and to use the visit to check the status of the child's medical history to determine if other immunizations are needed. Required immunizations are covered by most health insurance policies.

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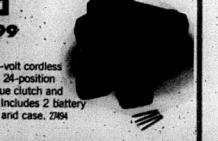
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HEALTH WATCH

New help for Fibromyalgia

Bob couldn't sleep because of the headaches. Edna couldn't open her hand because of the wrist pain. Judy gave up working out because it just hurt too much. All three have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia and all three found relief using a technique described in the new video "Fibromyalgia Cure" with muscle and joint specialist Dr. George Meluch.

Fibromyalgia is a form of muscular rheumatism affecting over 5 million Americans, and is characterized by very tender

areas at 18 specific locations on the body. The Arthritis Foundation admits that "not all physicians are familiar with the evaluation of these tender points." In fact, most doctors still tell patients they'll "just have to live with it."

In this video, Dr. Meluch uses the program he developed over 15 years with thousands of patients to guide you through the process of locating and treating the pressure points that can reduce or eliminate your symptoms. "The really

frustrating part of fibromyalgia for the patient is lack of sleep due to pain," Meluch said. "So, the most rewarding thing for me is hearing from people who tell me they've slept through the night for the first time in years."

"It's great to see so many people making such quick progress," said Meluch, "because now they're able to reduce their medication and lead more normal lives. Oh, yeah," he added, "they sure seem to smile a lot more, too."



The program is divided into six segments and includes a bonus section on nutrition and exercise specifically for fibromyalgia patients. It's available from Fibro Care, P.O. Box 373, Haslett, MI 48840 or by calling toll free 1-800-742-7683.

Can Chiropractic help with arm and shoulder pain?

By Bernard Stern, D.C.

In our day to day activities we use our shoulders and arms almost constantly for even the most routine jobs. Any pain in these areas can bother you constantly. Clinical experience has shown that arm and shoulder pain frequently respond to spinal care.

The nerves which control all



Bernard Stern, D.C.

bodily functions come out of the brain in a large bundle called the spinal cord, that travels down our back inside the spinal column. From there they branch out to all other parts of the body. The nerves that serve the arms, hands, and shoulders exit the spine from the lower part of the neck and the upper part of the back. When those parts of your spine are properly adjusted and functioning correctly, the shoulder and arm are allowed to heal naturally and the pain is often relieved.

Many people who are involved in car accidents develop shoulder and arm pain. This may be due to neck injuries which irritate the nerve roots, but also blows to the shoulder when the occupant of a car is thrown against the door frame (as in being hit broadside). In addition, just gripping the wheel tightly in anticipation of an impending accident (trying to brace yourself) can cause injury when the impact does

not occur. These injuries may be felt immediately or may not show up for weeks or even months, coming on very slowly as you continue to use your shoulder and arm.

While chiropractic may not relieve everyone's shoulder or arm problems, so many people find it relieves this sort of pain. If your arms or shoulders hurt, it is certainly worth a try.

Remember, while chiropractic often can provide immediate relief, our goal is to correct the underlying cause of the problem.



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School dental sealant project

On June 26, 1997, the Quantum Foundation announced an award of \$125,000 to the Palm Beach County Health Department for a two year school-based dental sealant project for second grade school children at the seven public and two private elementary schools in the Glades area this school year. This project is a cooperative effort between Glades P.A.T.C.H., the Palm Beach County Health Department, the School Board of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Dental Association.

This is a free preventive program done in the schools. Staff from the C.L. Brumback Glades Health Center will screen second graders to see if dental sealants are needed, to identify children with dental

needs and to inform their parents and guardians that their child requires treatment. While the project does not provide funding for the treatment, children will be referred to their

the children will have them placed at that time. In the second year, children now in third grade who had received sealants the previous year, will be rescreened to replace



private dentist where appropriate. If the sealants are needed on the first permanent molars,

sealants that may have been lost. New second graders will be admitted to the program as

New bionic ear approved in United States

A new bionic ear is now available in the United States to treat the more than one in one thousand children who are born deaf. The Clarion cochlear implant is a clinically proven treatment for profound deafness in children. In a recent U.S. pediatric clinical study, the majority of deaf children used speech to communicate and recognized sounds following implantation. Children derive significant benefit from Clarion compared to conventional hearing aids and earlier generation cochlear implants.

Developed by Advanced Bionics Corporation, Clarion uses proprietary, microcomputer technology to provide four times more auditory information than previous generation devices. It is a surgically implanted auditory prosthesis, and not a hearing aid. Hearing aids simply amplify sound. Clarion bypasses damaged parts of the inner ear by sending electrical "sound" signals directly to the auditory nerve. Like normal hearing, the auditory nerve carries these signals directly to the brain where they are interpreted as sound.

Clarion is the only multi-channel cochlear implant manufactured in the United States. Surgeons and audiologists at the University of Miami Ear Institute and local residents participated in the clinical trial of the Clarion cochlear implant in children.

The following people are available to discuss their experiences by contacting Becky

Riordan at the University of Miami Ear Institute, 305-243-6878, extension 4 or Douglas Lynch at Advanced Bionics, 888-261-1961.

Clarion patient, Moriah Miller, an eight year old Bradenton, FL resident and her parents Tina and Gene; Surgeon, Thomas Balkany, M.D., University of Miami Ear Institute and; Audiologist, Annelle Hodges, Ph.D.,

University of Miami Ear Institute.

Says Tina Miller: "When I thought he would never hear my voice, music or all the beautiful sounds that make up life. Now that he can hear with his Clarion, Moriah communicates with his five brothers and sisters and is learning speech and language every day."

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Letter to the editor**Dear Editor:**

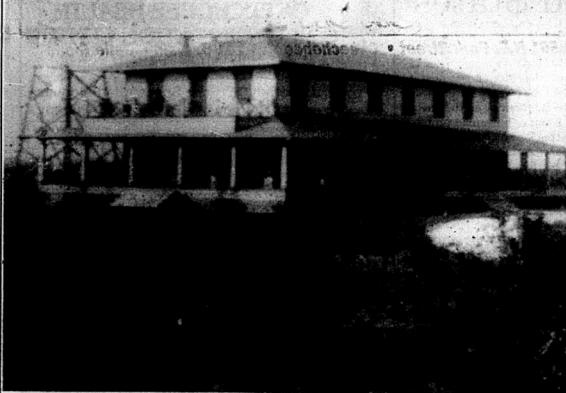
Recently the Florida press should be commended for finally pulling the mask off Ritalin and revealing just how dangerous this drug is. The exposés have brought to light facts that are widely known within the psychiatric community but not relayed to the public.

For example, Ritalin is similar to cocaine in both structure and action. How similar? Psychiatrists Edward Hallowell and John Ratey, both members of the Professional Advisory Board for Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD), a so-called "support group" which receives heavy funding from the makers of Ritalin, state in their book *Driven to Distraction* that: "people with ADD feel focused when they use cocaine, just as they do when they take Ritalin. Rather than getting high, they suddenly feel clearheaded and able to pay attention...the drug seems like a cure in that it temporarily alleviates their ADD symptoms, and so they become chronic users." In his book *Do You Have Attention Deficit Disorder?* neuro-

psychologist James Thomas states that Ritalin "makes the person feel well; or 'normal,' so there is no need for abuse." That's strange, using the same argument we are told that the "normal" feeling generated by cocaine will lead to abuse, but the "normal" feeling generated by Ritalin won't. Thomas also states that those with "ADD" report that "...cocaine...helped them to think clearly for the first time in their lives."

Hallowell and Ratey point out the reason psychiatrists prescribe Ritalin instead of other amphetamines - amphetamine has "a major public image problem." And millions are spent trying to protect Ritalin's "image."

The fact is that Ritalin defender, psychologist Russell Barkley, is a member of CHADD's Professional Advisory Board. So are National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) psychiatrists Judith Rapoport, chief of Child Psychiatry, and Allen Zametkin. Rapoport received funding by the makers of Ritalin to conduct studies that would show a "biological" component of "ADD,"

**Looking back through time**

DID YOU KNOW there used to be a big hotel called "Gladview" in the area in 1925?

thus justifying drug "treatment." Zametkin's brain imaging studies, which have been criticized by a former NIMH psychiatrist, are used as "proof" that the brains of ADD children are different than normal children.

Although Rapoport reported that one study showed clear differences, she followed by saying that "a radiologist would not read these scans as abnormal." Armed with such flimsy research, and backed directly or indirectly (through CHADD) by the makers of Ritalin, these two government psychiatrists push their theories - and Ritalin - into the main stream of society. And all the public hears is "The National Institute of Mental Health says..."

Perhaps Ross Perot was right, "follow the money."

The Wall Street Journal put this sort of thing in perspective in a 1994 article which reported that "most consumers have no idea the studies and public service messages are a part of a plan to sell drugs."

The drug companies typically leave few fingerprints, running their disease campaigns through PR firms, patient groups, "institutes" and other third parties." According to the Journal, "publicizing a dis-

ease side-steps the FDA" which sets guidelines for drug advertising. And so, drug companies pay other people to make you think you just might need their drug! That's slick. But when the target of such a campaign is children, and the drug is "cocaine-like," that's just sick!

With the information provided by the press combined with the above, it is easy to see that drug company funding helps CHADD, which in turn floods our schools with brochures and videos about "ADD," which has in turn led to a flood of Ritalin in our schools.

The most disturbing aspect of this is that more children are using Ritalin to get high.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported that from 1992 to 1994, the percentage of high school seniors who had illegally used Ritalin jumped from 3% to 16%. During that same time period, Ritalin's maker increased their funding to CHADD as follows: 1992 - \$50,000; 1993 - \$200,000; 1994 - \$398,000. From 1990 to 1995 the number of Ritalin prescriptions has increased 2.5 million per year to over 7 million per year.

The public should also know

that many of the books written about "ADD" are written by CHADD board members. This crew endorses each other's books - they even get endorsements from their board buddies at NIMH.

The books have a lot in common. They all agree that psychiatrists don't know what "ADD" actually is because they don't know what "causes" it. They report Ritalin as the "drug of choice" and discourage use of the generic form of the drug. It doesn't "work!" There is also the common practice of denigrating any other method of handling children without drugs. These are labeled "controversial treatments."

Parents and teachers tell children to stay away from drug dealers because they lie to you, tell you the drug can't hurt you - in fact, it will make you feel better!

In reality, the only ones who profit are the dealer and his supplier. Adults should take their own best advice and stay away from the dealer - the psychiatrist.

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By Kim Overman
Better Business Bureau
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His maternal grandparents are: Maria and Pedro Vega of Cayey, Puerto Rico and Ana Fred of the Bronx, New York.

His paternal grandparents are: Sheila Sepulveda and Emilio Colon of Pahokee and Jose Sepulveda of Bell Glade.

Luis Jr.'s great-grandparents are: Julian and Ramon Roa of Cayey, Puerto Rico; Camila

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Obituaries

Leonard L. Maxson, age 87, of Canal Point, died Saturday, July 26, in Everglades Regional Medical Center, Pahokee.

A native of West Point, Mississippi, he was born on February 7, 1910, son of the late Nathan Vine and Lillie Mae Little Maxson. He had made his home in Canal Point since moving from Plant City in 1927. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the United States Army as a Sergeant in the Army Air Corp. Prior to his retirement he was self-employed as a concrete brickmason. He was a member of the Canal Point United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men. He was a member of the FAFF Club. A long-time poll worker for the Supervisor of Elections, he was Deputy for Precinct 36. He was preceded in death by a son, Nathan Lance Maxson on April 23, 1996.

Surviving are: his wife - the former Bertie Mathis, to whom he was married on December 3, 1933; sons - William Little Maxson and his wife Susan of Morristown, Tennessee and Stephen Leonard Maxson and his wife Bonnie of Smyrna, Georgia; daughter - Carolyn Miller and her husband Dale of Canal Point; brothers - Earl Maxson of Fort Basinger and Ralph Maxson of Bogalusa, Louisiana; sister - Joyce Sims of Canal Point and Dorothy Kinkade of St. Petersburg; grandchildren - Ida Taylor Maxson, Bill Maxson, Edie Childers, Stephanie O'Brien, Allison Maxson, Rachel Maxson and Kerri Jo Miller; great grandchildren - Alexandria O'Brien.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, July 29, in the Canal Point United Methodist Church. The Rev. Greg Sampson, the Rev. Jackie McMillan and the Rev. Dan Cassellberry officiated. Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Memorial Fund of the Canal Point United Methodist Church.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

Wilbur S. "Curly" Brown, age 73, of Canal Point, died Thursday, July 24, at his residence.

A native of Paw Paw, West Virginia, he was born on August 24, 1923. He had made his home in the Glades since moving from West Virginia in 1957. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Army. He operated a service station and a car dealership on Canal Street in Belle Glade from 1958 until 1973. After moving to Pahokee, he opened a used car dealership on East Main Street in 1974 which he operated until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald David Brown on January 22, 1973, and a daughter, Betty Christensen on October 5, 1996.

Surviving are: his wife - the former Lola Irene Rudd; son - Glenn Walls of Naples; brothers - Robert, Alvin and Bill Brown, all of West Virginia; 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, July 29, in the Church of the Nazarene, Pahokee. The Rev. Bill Diver, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Park.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

New Beginners Choir Anniversary

On Saturday, Aug 2, 1997, at 4 p.m. at the Old Pahokee High School Gym, the Choir #2 of New Beginners Holiness Church will celebrate their anniversary.

All local choirs have been invited and will be singing during this joyous occasion.

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Moroso Motorsports Park is located on Beeline Highway (SR 710). Take I-95 to PGA Boulevard (Exit 57B); go west on SR 710 and turn right; go 8.2 miles, the track is on the right hand side.

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Antiques, Custom, Pro Street, Chevy, Ford, Mopar, Imports, Street Machine, Corvette and much more. To make this a complete family fun Sunday, there will also be a Manufacturer's Midway, Test and Tune for any licensed driver, a Swap Meet and a Gambler's Race.

Gates open at 9 a.m. Swap Meet is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Test & Tune will run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Car Show

judging is at 1 p.m. Gambler's Race begins at 1 p.m. The Awards Presentation begins at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for spectators. Car Show entry is \$10. Swap Meet space (10'x15') is \$20. Test & Tune entry is \$15. Wear a "poodle skirt" and get in free! Tickets include parking and a pit pass. Children under 12 are always free.

For more information, call 561-622-1400.

Going batty at the zoo

Eight bats with wingspans of more than 3.5 feet are now on exhibit at the Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park as ambassadors of species often misunderstood.

The world is upside down - if you see it through the eyes of a bat. The eight male bats, *Pteropus hypomelanus*, more commonly known as the Island Flying Fox, are native to the islands of Southwest New Guinea. They eat fruit and nectar and roost in large groups in trees. They can also fly 50 miles in a day. A female bat will fly with her baby attached.

There are over 1,000 different species of bats in the world. They are the only mammals capable of sustained flight. Bats come in many sizes: the largest bat in the world is the Giant Flying Fox of Indonesia with a 6.5 foot wingspan and the smallest bat is the Bumblebee Bat of Thailand, which weighs less than a penny.

Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park is located at 1301 Summit Blvd., just east of I-95 between Southern and Forest Hill Boulevards in West Palm Beach. Admission: Regular, \$6; Senior 60+, \$5; Children Three-12, \$4; Under Three and Zoo Members are free. The Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact the Zoo Information Hotline at 561-547-WILD (9453).

Picadilly 1997 Summer Antiques and Collectibles Extravaganza

Picadilly Promotions, Inc. is proud to announce the 1997 Summer Antique and Collectibles Extravaganza at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach on August 1-3, 1997. The event will kick off with an Early Buyers Preview on Friday, August 1 from noon to 5 p.m. (all dealers may not be present on Friday) and will then continue on Saturday, August 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 3 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$10 and your ticket is valid for the entire weekend. General admission on Saturday and Sunday is just \$4.50 per person, per day. Seniors are admitted for \$4 and children under 12 are free. Parking is free.

The antique and collectible event will have over 600 exhibitors coming from the states and abroad. The event will occupy the Expo Building, four additional air conditioned buildings, one non-air conditioned building and the surrounding outside area with antiques and collectibles. Exhibitors will be buying, selling and trading all types of antiques and collectibles.

A variety of on-site repair will be available such as glass repair by McCurley Glass and Crystal Repair, jewelry repair by Diamonds by Terry, porcelain repair by New Horizons and doll restoration by Harry Hesse. They will be able to repair and appraise any item you bring to the show. In addition, several other exhibitors will be offering appraisals on different types of items.

The South Florida Fairgrounds is one of the finest facilities of its kind in the area. It is spacious and clean and offers a restaurant with a wide and varied menu. It is located at 9067 Southern Blvd. in West Palm Beach. If you need assistance in finding the fairgrounds, you may call 561-793-0333 or 1-800-527-3247.

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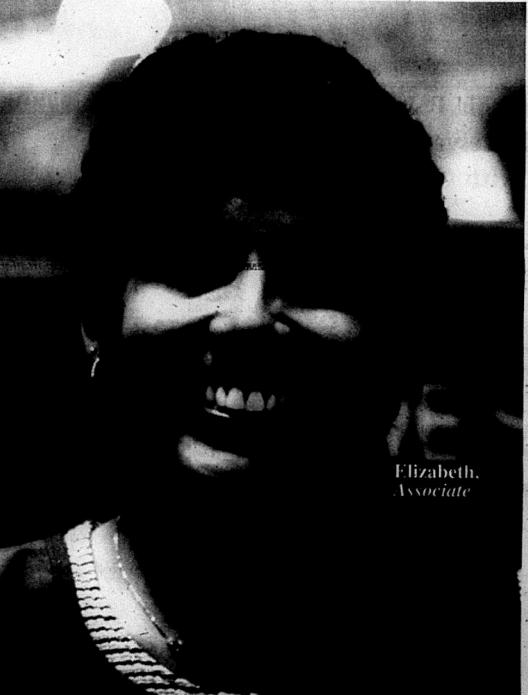
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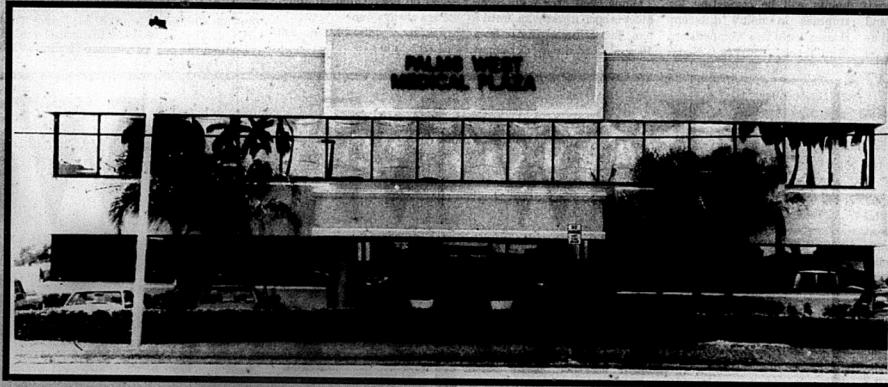
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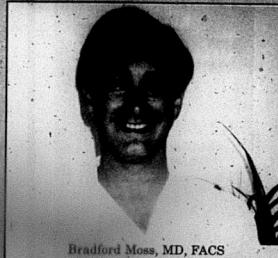
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Bradford Moss, MD, FACS

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Following his internship at Akron General Medical Center, Dr. Moss completed a urology residency at Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine and achieved board certification in adult and pediatric urology in

1991. He then spent several years as a partner in a successful South Carolina urology practice before returning to West Palm Beach. Most recently, Dr. Moss was affiliated with the West Palm Beach Veterans Administration Hospital as a full time urologist.

Dr. Moss is trained in adult and pediatric urology and treats a variety of conditions, including incontinence, impotence, urinary tract infections, prostate disorders, prostate cancer and kidney stones.

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ROADWAYS

Midsize family sedan rivals Japanese models

Test Drive

By James R. Healey

UPPERVILLE, Va.

Oldsmobile's 1998 Intrigue family sedan is more pleasant to drive than the benchmark Toyota Camry; feels nearly as agile as the sporty Nissan Maxima; has the restrained refinement of the Honda Accord; and is roughly \$1,500 cheaper than those world-class, Japanese brand rivals.

Finally, a credible Detroit alternative to the Japanese brands.

Oh, sure, the Big Three have been making chin music for years that they've caught Japan, even surpassed it. Not so. Until Intrigue, nothing from the motor city has had the elusive, slick, sophisticated feel of Japan's best. If Intrigue turns out also to have Japanese manufacturing quality and high resale value, then wave the flag. The code's broken.

Intrigue is a mid-size four-door that replaces the Cutlass Supreme. It is being shaped to dealers now but can't be sold until early May when Olds announces prices. Those will start at about \$21,500 and run to about \$26,000, loaded.

Withholding prices forces dealers to hang onto the car a few weeks so that early shoppers can see and test drive Intrigue. Olds thinks the car is different enough from what you might expect that seat time will be an important sales tool. Ads begin this summer.

Cautions: Despite the enthusiasm you could work up over a Great Motown Hope, the Intrigue itself isn't an exciting car, just immensely competent. Of course, that's precisely true of Camry and Accord.

And while Intrigue is probably a better overall car than its Japanese-brand rivals, Intrigue won't win every head-to-head comparison. Maxima is sportier and more fun to drive, for instance. And Camry's combination of V-6 engine and automatic transmission has to



THE 1998 OLDSMOBILE INTRIGUE

What is it? Midsize, five-passenger, front-wheel-drive, premium four-door sedan, intended to compete mainly against Japanese brand rivals.

Standard features include: automatic transmission, air conditioning, power accessories, anti-lock brakes, traction control, cruise control, tilting steering column, stereo, aluminum wheels.

How much? Oldsmobile says they'll start at about \$21,500 and top out at about \$26,000. There's been some price creep even before the car is launched. Olds originally said it would sell for \$20,000 to \$25,000.

When? Dealers are starting to get cars now.

How big? Half a notch bigger than Toyota Camry, close to Ford Taurus. Specifically: 195.6 inches long; 73.6 inches wide; 56.6 inches tall; riding on a 109-inch wheelbase and boasting a generous 16.3 cubic-foot trunk.

Overall: Terrific car; let's see if it holds up and holds value.

ANOTHER OPINION

"Feels solid and tight."

- *Car and Driver*

be the best in the business. Accel's fuel economy is unsurpassed among peers. But even where Japanese-brand models are winners, Intrigue isn't far off.

The test drive consisted of a day dashing around hilly horse country, near here in several versions of Intrigue, and a few days commuting and running errands. The Oldsmobiles were pre-production cars, built to test the assembly line process before gearing up for real. As is common on pre-production units, the Intrigues had a few

flaws, such as squeaks, that should be gone on showroom versions. Squeaks notwithstanding, the Intrigues are awfully well put together for practice cars.

Intrigue's declaration: Unless you refuse to believe that Detroit can build a good car once true, now not—it's tough to pick one of the rivals instead of Intrigue. Strong points:

• **Styling.** Handsome and conservative, like a blue blazer—right for most occasions and unlikely to go out of fashion. Modest fender bulges and careful attention to details on taken-for-granted items, such as headlights, distinguish the look.

• **Engine, transmission.**

ANOTHER OPINION

"Praise Oldsmobile for making the Intrigue competitive with the Camry and Maxima."

- *Motor Trend*

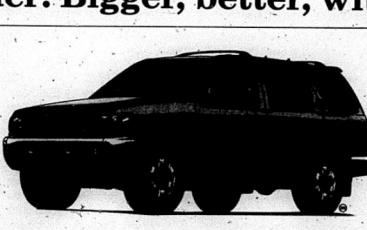
The highly evolved, but old-fashioned, 3.8 liter V-6 engine has plenty of pep at low speed—a Detroit trademark—and enough high-speed power that you aren't likely to get caught on the wrong side of the twosome trying to overtake that furniture truck. The V-6 doesn't rev as fast and sweetly as head-camshaft Japan rivals, but sends them all to the showrooms in around-town and suburban areas.

• **Handling.** There's nothing harsh about Intrigue, nor its shoppiness. The steering GM's Magister, a maladjusted grotesquerie on some models—is tuned about right on Intrigue. It's a little stiff just off straight-ahead, pleasantly precise at other angles. Brakes respond promptly and in proportion to how hard you shove the pedal. The suspension feels as if it's working with the road surface, not fighting it; tracking true, like a top-drawer stereo phonograph stylus.

• **Chrome.** Almost none, thank you very much. Think about that; a dechromed GM family sedan. An Oldsmobile, at last.

• **Interior layout.** Though Olds says Maxima was its overall target car, Intrigue's insides are most like Accord. The dashboard is low, instruments simple and straightforward, controls handy. The ignition switch is on the dash, preferred by imports, rather than Detroit's traditional steering-column gear.

The air conditioning can be



on the 4x4.

"Need a hug? Try fastening your seatbelt a little tighter."

A couple of chuckles in a parable about what's inside a Nissan "dream garage." Let me share a few with you during this column about the 1997 Nissan Pathfinder.

Redesigned and re-engineered less than a year ago—February 1996—the Pathfinder now has prettier and softer lines, a longer wheelbase, a new engine and quite a bit more cabin and cargo space.

"Those who doubt the concept of eternity have never taken a road trip with a 3-year-old."

The 1997 lineup consists of five distinct models, each for a different type of driving experience—4x2 XE and LE and the 4x4 SE and LE.

All five models feature a 3.3-liter single overhead cam V6 engine that provides 168 horsepower. This is a more powerful engine than the previous model, but we still need a few more horsepower here, guys. Sure it gets you there, but not in an all-fire hurry. It just seems a little underpowered. It can get you around town with little annoyance, however.

The new engine provides great flexibility and torque for towing and off-road driving. The zero-to-60 mph time is 10.5 on the 4x2 automatic and 11.2

"In a million years, will bugs

evolve a way to bounce off windows? Or will they simply learn not to fly near highways?"

Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard equipment on all models of Pathfinder this year. When on the highways and byways, the ABS works like your ordinary run-of-the-mill traditional ABS. But off-road, it's a little different. It incorporates a special "G-sensor" that reads the road surface and adjusts braking controls accordingly. That eliminates the "skimming" effect you get on dust, gravel and sand.

Also, every Pathfinder is cut-fitted with a standard power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system for better and easier maneuverability. It has a really tight turning radius, as well, something you wouldn't expect on a vehicle that large.

The Pathfinder is a large

vehicle that provides comfortable seating for five. In front, there are large bucket seats that can provide comfort for even the largest buckets. In the rear, there's a 60/40 split fold-down seat that folds flat for added cargo area.

"The earth spins at 1,000 miles per hour. Please wear your seat belt."

Also in the rear, you'll find large rear door pockets, a concealed side storage bin and a mini-storage compartment under the floor of the rear cargo area. What's in there is a spare tire. You can opt for an outside spare tire carrier, but you know what? The car looks so much cleaner and sleeker without it.

Ahead of the driver is a really smart instrument cluster. Nissan engineers listened to the consumer when designing the IC because all the gauges

are arranged "according to need." That means the most used displays are center in the driver's field of vision and switches are varied in size and shape to avoid confusion.

The Pathfinder XE is available in 4x2 and 4x4 models that have 15-inch steel-belted radials, smartly styled 6-spoke alloy wheels and fabric seats. The SE, which is only available as a 4x4, has shift-on-the-fly, 15-inch radials on alloy wheels, chrome trim, fender flares, step rail, roof rack, fabric seats, cargo tie downs, cruise control, power remote windows, door locks, heated outside mirrors, remote keyless entry, security system and driver's seat lumbar with height adjustments.

"Without cars, how would shopping carts stop?"

Finally the LE is available in 4x2 or 4x4 model and comes standard with 4-speed automatic transmission, limited-slip rear differential (on 4x4), running boards, fog lights, aluminum alloy wheels, roof rack, simulated wood-grain interior trim, air conditioning and automatic temp controls, leather seats, cruise control, remote-controlled power windows, door locks and outside mirrors, keyless entry and vehicle security system.

What really struck my eye about the Pathfinder is its sleek look. Even the rear door handles are recessed and up

high. It actually looked like a 2-door at first. The lines are softer and it doesn't look boxy, like the previous generation Pathfinder did. It's become a little more Americanized, where before it looked too Japanese.

"Look into your heart for wisdom and under your seat for change."

The Nissan Pathfinder has changed, and this change is really good. It's good looking, better powered, more comfortable and user friendly. Good options to look at when considering a sport utility.

Here's just a few more:

"Maybe traffic jams happen because cars like to be with other cars."

"Why can't there be double yellow lines between right and wrong?"

"If you name your car you'll have someone to blame when you lock your keys in it."

"Have fun. Smile. Drive happy. Enjoy the ride."

Anne Fraccas is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures.

1997 Nissan Pathfinder
Vehicle class: Special purpose sport utility vehicle
Engine: 3.3-liter single overhead cam 24-valve V6
Mileage: 18 city / 15 highway
Where built: Kyushu, Japan

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switched on and off separately from which air vents you select. Detroit custom has been to assume motorists are too ignorant to do that, and make the air conditioning come on automatically in some settings. Thanks, Olds.

"We laid out the interior so you'll feel very comfortable if you're an import person," says Kenneth Stewart, GM engineer and an MBA assigned to be brand manager for Intrigue—the guy whose rump gets seared if the car doesn't sell well and make money. "We make no bones about it. We review the imports for best everything from door handles to air vents."

Intrigue surely can't be all strawberries and honey, can it? Nope. The annoyances:

• **Personality.** Lacking, just as is the case with most competitors. But Nissan's spurn-Maxima proves that a four-door in this price range can have an attitude that throws a little sunlight into the asphalt jungle.

• **Plastic.** It looks like, well, plastic. Japanese makers do better, giving their plastic interior trim more appealing textures and surfaces. Some of Intrigue's has that cheap, hard plastic appearance.

• **Controls.** The floor-mounted gearshift is too hard to yank out of park and into gear. The gear knob clicks from setting to setting instead of gliding. The steering wheel rim is too skinny.

• **Child seat.** Not available, alas, GM's dandy child seat isn't compatible with Intrigue's fold-down back seat.

If you're a fan of the home team, pray that GM can manufacture Intrigue with as much integrity as Olds put into its design. If that happens, and turns into a widespread habit, GM will be so busy selling good cars it might have to quit whining about the yen, or whatever's supposed to be Japan's unfair advantage du jour.

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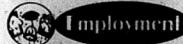
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